

BOARD VOTES TO LET CONTRACT

VOTE UNANIMOUS

Groundbreaking in Six Weeks

At its last meeting the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to proceed directly and immediately with the construction of the new building on the land adjacent to the Milton Steinberg House. This decision thrusts the congregation and its physical plant into its second century of existence with great hope for the future.

Need for the addition to the physical plant was felt ten years ago and the acquisition of the five small buildings on the corner of 87 Street and Madison Avenue was begun.

During the time of relocating tenants in those buildings to make way for the ultimate demolition, Mr. Bertram Bassuk of the architectural firm Bassuk Paneno Zelnik was hired and preliminary plans were drawn. It is now six years later, and the presentation of the revised, multi-revised plans was greeted with excitement and enthusiasm by the largest meeting of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council in recent history.

The projected building, as planned, will more than meet the foreseeable future requirements of the Nursery, Elementary and High Schools. It will provide additional space for worship, meetings, and receptions. The plan to unite it with the Milton Steinberg House will add beauty as well as unity to the site.

Expert appraisal puts the cost of the projected building and furnishings at approximately \$3,400,000. Already in hand, in pledges and actual cash, is \$2,250,000. Aided by the Matching Fund Grant, provided so generously by an anonymous donor on Yom Kippur, the Board of Trustees feels confident that they can, and the

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Camp Ramah Information

Meeting January 25

Unique Opportunity Offered Children in Camp Setting

Parents interested in learning more about the Camp Ramah summer experience for their children are cordially invited to attend an orientation session at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davidson, 1120 Park Avenue on Wednesday, January 25, at 8:00 P.M.

A member of the Camp Ramah staff will show slides, describe program and philosophy, and answer questions.

Ramah, the camping arm of Conservative Judaism, is under the educational supervision of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Students of the Religious School are eligible candidates for acceptance into this summer program of living Judaism.

It has been noted, over and over again, by those students who have attended Camp Ramah in past summers, that theirs was a unique experience which greatly enhanced their understanding and comprehension of the meaning of being a Jew in today's world.

Students entering grades 4 through 11 in September 1978 are eligible for the eight-week session. Students entering grade 4 through 7 may attend a one-month session if they so desire.

Please call Pat Davidson, AT 9-7771, if you plan to attend.

"Operation Thunderbolt" Parents Association Benefit

A movie benefit to raise money to support the activities of Parents Association is planned for Sunday, January 15, at 2:00 P.M. at the Guild Theater, 33 West 50th Street, New York.

"Operation Thunderbolt", the Israeli film made in close cooperation with the Israeli Government, the Israeli Defense Force, and many of the hostages who were taken in the hijacking of the Air France plane to Entebbe, Uganda, will be seen the day before it is scheduled to premier here in the United States.

This film is so authentic that several of the members of Parents Association who previewed it came away with a messianic fervor that it is a "must see" for all of us, adults and children alike.

Judy Nadler, 534-7986, is chairperson for the benefit. Tickets, adults \$10, children \$7.50, may be purchased from her. Make your reservation TODAY as tickets are limited and seat selection will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Opportunity To Learn How To Blow Shofar

Are there any horn players in the house?

Or, better still, are there any congregants who would like to learn to blow the Shofar?

Volunteer Shofar blowers are needed now, no previous experience necessary. On-the-job training provided. Benefits derived are the participation in the High Holiday Services.

A telephone call to Rabbi Nadich is all that is required to apply for this noteworthy opportunity.

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THE ANATOMY OF JUDAISM

Delmore Schwartz, the gifted poet, whose brief life ended eleven years ago, was mourned by his Aunt Clara with the following words: "Our house wasn't Jewish in dishes, or in always going to Shul. Jewish is heart. Delmore was Jewish."

This statement has such a familiar ring. So many well-intentioned Jews proclaim with pride that they are Jewish at heart. What do they mean by this? They mean that they **feel**, the fate of their people, wherever that may be. They mean they are filled with pride when they learn that a Jew has won a Nobel Prize. This is fine as far as it goes, but does it go far enough? The heart has been described by poets and philosophers as the repository of all human feelings, the seat of emotion—that part of the body associated with sensitivity. But let us not forget that crucial as the health of the human heart may be, the body cannot exist with a heart only. The body needs a brain to think, eyes to see, ears to hear, hands and feet and tongues. The creator of the universe, in his wisdom, has created a whole person, and there is a purpose to all of his creation.

Judaism is not a cardiac religion. The whole Jew has to understand himself and his fellow Jews. He has to study Jewish history and Jewish thought. He has to perceive Jewish logic and insights. He has to be Jewish at brain as well as at heart. The whole Jew has to see the plight of his fellow human beings; he cannot be blind to the sufferings and injustice which grip so much of our globe. His eyes must be open to the beauties of Jewish ritual and observance, to the color of the Jewish festivals in the Jewish home. He must be Jewish in sight. The whole Jew must hear the sounds of Jewish prayer and music, the sounds of Jewish children studying Torah, the

plea of those in need. He must be Jewish in hearing. The whole Jew must have an outstretched arm to the needy, agile feet to carry him to the assistance of the poor and neglected, and a voice that will speak out against persecution and tyranny. He must be Jewish in all his limbs and organs.

To be Jewish at heart is commendable but hardly enough. A person must be Jewish in understanding, in sight, in sound and in action. And perhaps even in "Jewish dishes and in always going to shul".

—Judah Nadich

Wanted: Room In Exchange For Services

It has come to our attention that a young Israeli woman will be arriving in New York in January to study ballet and is looking for a room with a family. In return, she will be happy to teach Hebrew to the members of the family, as well as babysit.

Please call Mrs. Norma Daub, Rabbi Nadich's secretary, EN 9-2600, if you are interested in helping house this young woman.

The Journal Committee regrets that the advertisement placed by Mr. and Mrs. Saul Mehlman was omitted in error.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, January 6 5:45 P.M.
FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday morning, January 7 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Olick
son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Olick

Friday night, January 13 8:30 P.M.
"A CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIAN LOOKS
AT THE JEWISH SABBATH"

Saturday morning, January 14 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of James Weinrauch
son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Weinrauch

Friday night, January 20 8:30 P.M.
"ASK THE RABBI"

Questions and answers at a **Tu B'shevat** Oneg Shabbat

Saturday morning, January 21 9:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Nancy Samson
daughter of Mrs. Sivia Loria

Friday night, January 27 8:30 P.M.
"ALEXANDER MARX - THE GREAT BOOK-LOVER"
 On the 100th anniversary of his birth

Saturday morning, January 28 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Richard Finkel
son of Mr. and Mrs. David Finkel

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

From The Cantor's Notebook:

During the months of January and February, the musical portions of our regular Friday Evening Services will highlight some very fresh, vibrant approaches to the singing of our ancient prayers. The Psalmist said "Shiru Ladonai Shir Hadash"—"Let us sing a new song to the Lord"; and indeed, every generation, while maintaining the core of our sacred musical tradition, has sought to bring relevance and new spirit to the musical settings of the Siddur.

On January 13 and 27, we shall include music of Broadway composer, Gershon Kingsley, who in the late 1960's pioneered in bringing exciting rhythms into Jewish music. On January 20, in honor of "Shabbat Shira" (The Sabbath of Song), we will hear for the first time at Park Avenue Synagogue the music of composer Ralph Schlossberg, who has skillfully blended authentic cantorial virtuoso style with the popular American sounds of rock and country music!

The month of February, in contrast, will feature the music of two of our most distinguished "serious" synagogue composers, Yehudi Wyner and Herman Berlinski.

—David Lefkowitz

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Congregation will, meet the challenge and raise the additional monies soon.

Major Gifts Announced

Major gifts were announced at the meeting. Mrs. Lillian Bennet, President of Sisterhood, rose to announce the gift of \$25,000, payable in three equal installments, over the next three years, commencing with groundbreaking, to assure a designated place in the new facility which will be called the Sisterhood Lounge.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Sherr, already major contributors, have made an additional contribution of \$50,000. Mr. Sherr, a member of the Board of Trustees and a past treasurer of the synagogue, has been a member of Building Committee since its inception.

The officers of the congregation stated that they also can be relied upon to extend their already substantial pledges by an additional \$50,000.

With the impetus of the acceptance of the plans to proceed, and the excitement of additional monies, the Board of Trustees now looks to all the members of the Congregation to consider how important it is for all of us to contribute generously to the building fund. With 100% participation, on the part of the members of the Congregation and the parents of the children in the school, both members and non-members, it will be easy to meet the cost of this much needed building.

Men's Club Provides**A Middle East Up-Date**

An up-to-the-minute up-date of developments in the Middle East between Israel and her Arab neighbors will be the topic of discussion and debate with a representative from the Israeli Consulate at the Open Meeting for members, friends, and community sponsored by the Men's Club, Tuesday, January 24, at 8:15 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to gain information and insight not readily available through the conventional means of news releases to the press and media.

UJA/Federation To Hold Seminar At P.A.S. January 17

Sisterhood will serve as hostess to a UJA/Federation Seminar, "Crises In The Jewish World", Tuesday, January 17, 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Samuel J. Silberman, Honorary Chairman of the Federation Board, Pat Gantz, Member of the Women's Campaign Cabinet, and Ernest W. Michel, Executive Vice-President and Campaign Director of UJA/Federation Joint Campaign will speak, as well as answer questions.

The film, "Jews In Arab Lands", will be shown.

There will be no solicitation of funds.

This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

SoHo Tour Offered To Mr. and Mrs. Club Members

The third event in the Mr. and Mrs. Club sponsored series, "How To Become A Discriminating Art Collector", will be a tour of SoHo Studios, Tuesday, January 17.

Constance Kane, the moderator and instructor for the series, will serve as guide for the evening.

Tour members will visit four artists' and sculptors' studios, meet the artists, see where and how they create, the different techniques used, and view the work which results from the creative eye of the artists involved.

A second tour of other SoHo artists' studios will take place in February.

A bus will leave from the Synagogue promptly at 7:30 P.M. After the tour, the guests will return to the Synagogue by bus for a late supper and discussion of the evening's events.

For further information and reservations, please call Syd Rothenberg, TR 4-1235.

Piano, in good condition, needed by Nursery School. Call Mrs. Singer at — TE 1-8686.

SCHOOL DAYS

Ed. note: Last summer, a group of young men and women, students in the Park Avenue Synagogue High School, went to Israel. Those present at the Friday evening Service last month, at which several young people spoke of their impressions of this experience, felt that what was expressed should be shared. What follows is two different experiences of Ira Glazer at the Wall. In subsequent issues of the NEWS, we shall share with you the thoughts, feelings, impressions of others who shared that trip.

EREV SHABBAT AT THE WALL

As I approached the Western Wall on an Erev Shabbat, I felt a special sense of warmth. Shabbat is special; at the Western Wall it is holy. It was, perhaps, even possible for me to have felt the Sabbath Queen coming to greet me.

A sense of history also came over me. 4000 years of Jewish suffering had culminated in my trip to the Western Wall—a trip for which my ancestors lived and would have died, much less taken for granted. It was strange that I should have been the one to see the Promised Land, that God should have chosen me to fulfill the desires of Jews for the past 2000 years.

Yet, I was at a place of real spiritual honesty and truth; hence, I was not inhibited to restrain my emotions. I cried freely—tears of joy at suffering; the joy of the present and the suffering of the past.

There is another aspect of the Western Wall. That is the weeping, wailing one. Our group's last night in Israel, we made a visit to the Western Wall. As we approached, I heard the sobbing and wailing of a man. My eyes searched for him but could not find him. The man had enclosed himself in a part of the Western Wall area that is closed at night to pray, weep perhaps even rejoice at that place in the world that is the freest, where perhaps the Divine Presence can be found.

These two aspects at the Western Wall, what do they mean? They tell us that at the remnant of the holiest place in the world to Jews there is hope. We weep for what is past and destroyed, yet the mere fact that we are able to be there and weep, that the Temple remnants remain, much less that we hope and pray for the future, cause us to rejoice.

The two sides—sorrow and happiness—are there; expressed at different times, yet inseparable.

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*Park Avenue Synagogue
cordially invites all its women
to the first meeting
of the newest arm of the Synagogue
“The Women’s Evening Group”
Monday, January 30 at 8:15 p.m.
Please join us for
an evening of discussion and debate
on the subject
“Is a woman Rabbi in our future?”*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 1978

(CLIP AND SAVE)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan (Sat. thru Thurs.)	2	3 11 a.m. every Tues. Intermediate Hebrew I Mrs. Finkel (Rm. 402) 1:00 p.m. every Tues. Intermediate Hebrew II Mrs. Finkel (Rm. 402)	4 Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open every Wed. 1:00 p.m. every Wed. Advanced Hebrew Mrs. Finkel (Rm. 402)	5 1:00 p.m. every Thurs. Beginners Hebrew Mrs. Finkel (Rm. 402) 3:00 p.m. every Thurs. Retirees Group (Lemberg Aud.) 8:00 p.m. every Thurs. Chorale Rehearsal (Lemberg Aud.)	6 5:45 p.m. Family Service Light Candles 4:24	7 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service Bar Mitzvah Jeffrey Olick
8	9	10 12:00 noon Sisterhood Board (Lemberg Aud.) 8:15 p.m. Men's Club Board (Lemberg Aud.)	11 8:00 p.m. Second Semester of Adult Ed. begins "Proving God's Existence" Dr. Neil Gillman (Library)	12 8:15 p.m. Planning Committee (Library)	13 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Service Rabbi Judah Nadich Will Speak "A Christian Theologian Looks At The Jewish Sabbath" Light Candles 4:31	14 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service Bar Mitzvah James Weinrauch
15 2:00 p.m. "Operation Thunderbolt" P.A. Movie Benefit at Guild Theater 33 W. 50 St.	16	17 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sisterhood hostesses UJA/Federation Meeting (Lemberg Aud.) 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club Tour of SoHo Studios	18 8:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Class (Library) 8:00 p.m. Camp Ramah Information Meeting at Davidson Home 1120 Park Ave.	19 4:30-9:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Advisory Council (Library)	20 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Service "Ask The Rabbi" Questions & Answers Tu Bishevat Oneq Shabbat Light Candles 4:39	21 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service Bat Mitzvah Nancy Samson
22	23 Tu Bishevat	24 8:15 p.m. Men's Club Open Meeting (Lemberg Aud.)	25 8:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Class (Library) 8:00 p.m. Camp Ramah Information Meeting at Davidson Home 1120 Park Ave.	26	27 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Service Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak "Alexander Marx - The Great Book Lover" Light Candles 4:48	28 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service Bar Mitzvah Richard Finkel
29	30 8:15 p.m. Women's Evening Group Inaugural Open Mtg. Discussion-Debate: "Is A Woman Rabbi In Our Future?" (Lemberg Aud.)	31	Meet the Challenge! Send your contribution to the Building Construction Fund TODAY!			

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AT THE WALL: ONE SHABBAT

A Shabbat morning, some of us went to the Western Wall. There I saw a soldier davening, his shoulders covered by a tallit, the tallit shielded a rifle.

What do the tallit and rifle have in common? They are symbols of the two paths man can choose—good or evil. Yet they, too, are inseparable. They are just different expression of the same road—security.

Throughout history, the Western Wall has adapted from times of happiness—when the tallit was used, to times of sorrow—when the rifle was used.

There is a story in Jewish tradition, concerning the stones of the Western Wall. The stones are said to have had the hearts of men, while men are, sometimes, said to have had the hearts of stone. I hope there is significance in the recent history of Israel. The changing of the name from the Wailing Wall to the Western Wall has, let us hope, indicated a change from past sorrow to happiness for all times. The recent liberation of the Wall, making it accessible for Jews to pray, has, I hope, indicated a time of change from the use of the rifle to that of the tallit.

Let us pray, that this happiness and use of the tallit, will continue, and that we shall hear the stones and men rejoicing together.

—Ira Glazer

Come To Men's Club

Open Meeting Feb. 28

Surrogate Millard Midonick, Senior Surrogate of the New York County Surrogates Court, and Professor Joseph Arenson of New York Law School will speak on "Interesting and Unusual Cases In The Surrogate's Court" at the February 28 Open Meeting of the Men's Club.

Charles Bennet is chairman of the evening.

Please make note of the date now—February 28—and plan to attend this most interesting discussion meeting.

Building Construction

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Roll of Honor

Contributors of \$1000 or more:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Berman and
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Ms. Beulah N. Kaplan in honor of the re-
covery of her mother.

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WELCOME Meryl Joan Lyman to
the staff of Park Avenue Syna-
gogue!

Meryl, our new Librarian, received
her B.A. degree cum laude from
Queens College and was awarded
a masters degree in Library Science
from Rutgers University.

She has exciting plans for the
Library of which the NEWS will
keep you apprised as time goes on!

"Proving God's Existence"

Next Adult Ed Course

Beginning Wednesday, January 11,
and continuing for ten successive
weeks, Dr. Neil Gillman will teach a
course, under the auspices of Adult
Education, on "Proving God's Exist-
ance".

The class will meet in the Library
8-9:30 P.M.

Dr. Gillman is a graduate of McGill
University and received his PhD. from
Columbia. He is an Assistant Pro-
fessor in Jewish Thought at the Jewish
Theological Seminary of America as
well as the Seminary's Dean of Aca-
demic Affairs in the Rabbinical De-
partment.

Registration for this course will take
place at the first session.

We Take Pride In:

Robert M. Fogelson, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Nat Fogelson, author of "Big-
City Police: An Urban Institute Study",
published by the Harvard University
Press, Cambridge, Mass.

The late **Dr. Milton Helpern**, in
whose memory the Milton Helpern
Institute of Forensic Medicine Of
N.Y.U. and the City of New York was
dedicated; and whose book "Autopsy"
was recently published..

Arthur L. Liman, who was named
by Governor Hugh Carey to a com-
mittee of 15 to examine the criminal
sentencing structure of New York
State as well as parole and probation
procedures.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon
the birth of a grandson, Scott Jonathan
Levy.

Condolences

**Park Avenue Synagogue extends
heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of
our congregation and their families:**

Mrs. Harry A. Cohen upon the death
of her brother, Harold M. Weinberg

Mrs. Louis Grossman upon the death
of her daughter, Marilyn Gorfinkle